

REMARKS

Claim 18 was objected because of an informality. Claims 2, 4 to 8, 12, 15, 16, 23, 24, and 27 to 29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Ohta. Claims 13 and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ohta in view of Sarraf.

Claims 18 to 22 were indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 9, 10, 25 and 26 were indicated as allowed.

Claim 18 has been amended to correct the informality. Claims 2 and 23 have been amended to include the limitations of cancelled claim 11. Claim 11 has been cancelled without prejudice.

Withdrawal of the rejections to the pending claims is respectfully requested, and reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

Claim Objections

Claim 18 was not properly amended last time, and now has been properly amended. It is respectfully submitted that the clear that Claim 18 is now clear that the displacing steps occur with a translation component perpendicular to the line of the image points by a first specific amount (e.g, circumferentially in the Fig. 2 embodiment) and in a direction defined by the line of the n image points by a second specific amount (e.g. axially in the Fig, 2 embodiment). See [0029] for example.

It is respectfully submitted that the proposed office action suggestion would seem to have placed two terms “perpendicular” in the claim, which would have been confusing. Applicant apologizes for the previous confusion, and if the Examiner still feels the language is unclear, the Examiner is invited to contact the Examiner’s representative to quickly clear up the confusion.

Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

35 U.S.C. 102 Rejections

Claims 2, 4 to 8, 12, 15, 16, 23, 24 and 27 to 29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Ohta.

Claims 2 and 23 have been amended to recite the limitation from allowable claim 11.

Withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102 thus is respectfully requested.


Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance,
and Applicants respectfully requests such action.

Respectfully submitted,

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